



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

#20  
Dmd. B  
w/attach  
2/3/03

Applicant: D. Shah et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,983

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: METHODS FOR THE  
SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV  
ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES

Case No.: 6821.US.01

Examiner: Wortman, D.

Group Art Unit: 1648

I hereby certify that this paper  
(along with any paper referred to  
as being attached or enclosed) is  
being deposited with the United  
States Postal Service on the date  
shown below with sufficient  
postage as first class mail in an  
envelope addressed to the:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Date of Deposit: 1-15-03

*Kimberly A. Iorio*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Iorio

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

RECEIVED

JAN 24 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 2, 2002,  
please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace page 14, line 25 - page 15, line 18,  
with the following:

The antibodies which are coated on the solid phase as  
well as the "second antibody" may be, as noted above,  
monoclonal antibodies or polyclonal antibodies. For  
example, if one chooses to utilize monoclonal antibodies,  
they may be selected from 13-959-270, 14-1269-281, 14-1287-  
252, 14-153-234, 14-153-462, 14-1705-225, 14-1708-269, 14-  
1708-403, 14-178-125, 14-188-104, 14-283-112, 14-635-225,  
14-726-217, 14-886-216, 14-947-104 and 14-945-218. The

*B/contd.*



1648  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: D. Shah, et al.

Serial No.: 09/891,983

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: METHODS FOR THE  
SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV  
ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES

Case No.: 6821.US.01

Examiner: D. Wortman

Group Art Unit: 1648

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Date of Deposit: 1-15-03

*Kimberly A. Iorio*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly A. Iorio

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RECEIVED

JAN 24 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled METHODS FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF HCV ANTIGENS AND HCV ANTIBODIES are the following:

1. Amendment and Response (21 pages);
2. References as cited in Amendment and Response (2 references);
3. Request for Extension of Time (1 page) in duplicate; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



23492

ABBOTT LABORATORIES  
Telephone: (847) 935-1729  
Facsimile: (847) 938-2623

Respectfully submitted,  
D. Shah, et al.

*Cheryl L. Becker*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cheryl L. Becker  
Registration No. 35,441  
Attorney for Applicants